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When calling relative to this matter, refer to file No. 1107.

Honorable James H. Welsh Commissioner of Conservation Office of Conservation P. O. Box 94275 Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9275

RE: Causey Sand, Reservoir A
Hosston 8100' Zone, Reservoir A
Ruston Field
Lincoln Parish, Louisiana

APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Dear Sir:

Ocean Energy, Inc. hereby makes application pursuant to the revised rules of procedure for a public hearing to consider evidence relating to the following matters pertaining to the Causey Sand, Reservoir A, and the Hosston 8100' Zone, Reservoir A, in the Ruston Field, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana:

- To authorize Ocean Energy, Inc. to drill, designate and utilize the Ocean Energy Inc. - R. D. Howard No. 1 Well as an alternate unit well for CAUSEY RA SUC and HOSS 8100' RA SUE, at the locations shown on the plats attached hereto and made a part hereof;
- To authorize Ocean Energy, Inc. to designate and utilize the Ocean Energy Inc. - Della Colvin No. 4 Well as an alternate unit well for CASUEY RA SUC and HOSS 8100' RA SUE, at the locations shown on the plats attached hereto and made a part hereof;
- To establish that the proposed alternate unit wells are necessary to recover hydrocarbons underlying CAUSEY RA SUC and HOSS 8100' RA SUE that cannot be produced from any other well located on these units;

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- 4. To authorize the unit allowables for CAUSEY RA SUC and HOSS 8100' RA SUE to be recovered from the existing well(s), the proposed alternate unit wells, or from any combination of the wells located on these units, at the discretion of the operator;
- 5. To authorize Ocean Energy, Inc. to combine downhole in wellbores of the Ocean Energy, Inc. R. D. Howard No. 1 Well, and/or the Della Colvin No. 4 Well, and/or the wellbores of any current or future wells drilled on the subject units, production derived from the Causey Sand, Reservoir A, and the Hosston 8100' Zone, Reservoir A, underlying CAUSEY RA SUC and HOSS 8100' RA SUE;
- 6. To consider and cover such other matters as the Commissioner of Conservation may deem appropriate and necessary under the circumstances.

The Causey Sand, Reservoir A, in the Ruston Field, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 164-EE, effective on and after May 20, 2002.

The Hosston 8100' Zone, Reservoir A, in the Ruston Field, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 164-0-29, effective on and after January 10, 1995.

The subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice.

Any pertinent data relating to this matter can be obtained at the cost of the requesting party from Mr. Joseph Wyszynski, Ocean Energy, Inc., 1001 Fannin Street, Suite 1700, Houston, Texas 77002, telephone number (713) 265-6943.

The attached list includes the names of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties known to applicant after a diligent search and a copy of this notice, with plat attached, is being sent to each such party. Pursuant to Office of Conservation regulations, such list of parties is being furnished only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the

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Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation; however, the list of parties will be provided to any person requesting a copy of it. Also enclosed is the application fee herein.

Yours very truly,

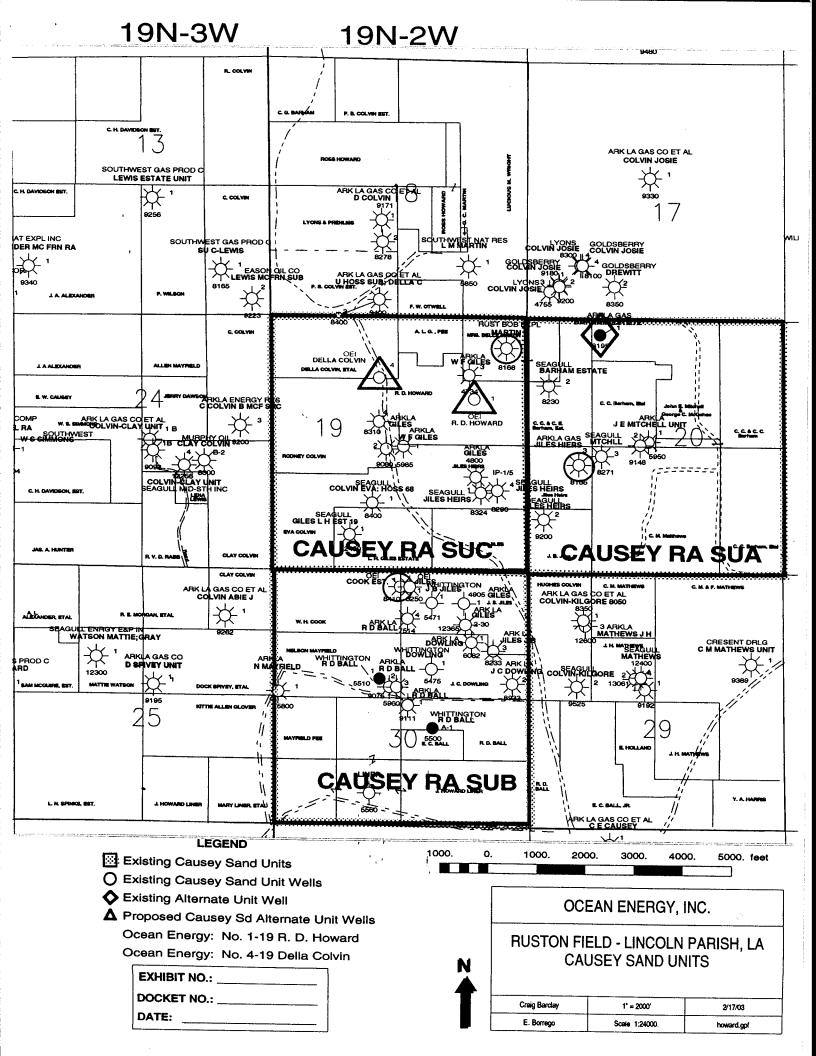
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Enclosures

Cc: James C. Broussard, District Manager
Interested Owners, Represented
Parties and Interested Parties



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